

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14437-S14592

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1899-1920, S. Res. 231-232, and S. Con. Res. 72-73.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 216, designating the Month of November 1999 as "National American Indian Heritage Month".

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Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, clearing the measure for the President.

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FAA Authorization Extension: Senate passed S. 1916, to extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period.

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Recognizing Members of the Armed Forces: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 224, expressing the sense of the Senate to designate November 11, 1999, as a special day for recognizing the members of the Armed Forces and the civilian employees of the United States who participated in the recent conflict in Kosovo and the Balkans, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 232, making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

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Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 360), Grassley (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2771, to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act relating to the manufacture, traffic, import, and export of amphetamine and methamphetamine.

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By 76 yeas to 22 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 264), Kohl Modified Amendment No. 2516, to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law.

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Grassley/Torricelli Modified Amendment No. 2515, to make certain technical and conforming amendments.

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Grassley (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2648, to protect the citizens of State of Vermont from the impacts of the bankruptcy of electric utilities in the State.

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Rejected:

By 29 yeas to 69 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 363), Hutchison/Brownback Amendment No. 2778, to allow States to opt-out of any homestead exemption cap.

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By 45 yeas to 51 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 365), Dodd Modified Amendment No. 2532, to provide for greater protection of children.

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Withdrawn:

Sessions Amendment No. 2518 (to Amendment No. 2516), to limit the value of certain real or personal property a debtor may elect to exempt under State or local law.

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Pending:

Feingold Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care.

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Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations.

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Leahy Amendment No. 2529, to save United States taxpayers \$24,000,000 by eliminating the blanket mandate relating to the filing of tax returns.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 1696, to limit the amount of credit extended under an open end consumer credit plan to persons under the age of 21.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency.

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Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs.

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Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2764, to provide for greater accuracy in certain means testing.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses.

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Dodd Amendment No. 2531, to protect certain education savings.

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Dodd Amendment No. 2753, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for enhanced information regarding credit card balance payment terms and conditions, and to provide for enhanced reporting of credit card solicitations to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to Congress.

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Hatch/Dodd/Gregg Amendment No. 2536, to protect certain education savings.

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Feingold Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed.

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Schumer/Santorum Amendment No. 2761, to improve disclosure of the annual percentage rate for purchases applicable to credit card accounts.

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Durbin Amendment No. 2659, to modify certain provisions relating to pre-bankruptcy financial counseling.

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Durbin Amendment No. 2661, to establish parameters for presuming that the filing of a case under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, does not constitute an abuse of that chapter.

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Torricelli Amendment No. 2655, to provide for enhanced consumer credit protection.

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Sessions (for Reed) Amendment No. 2650, to control certain abuses of reaffirmations.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 2752, to impose a moratorium on large agribusiness mergers and to establish a commission to review large agriculture mergers, concentration, and market power.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Wellstone Amendment No. 2752 (listed above), on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Ukraine on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106-16)

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report relative to the continuation of the emergency regarding weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-73).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 361), Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 361), Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to New Zealand.

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By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 362), Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2003. (Reappointment)

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Kay Kelley Arnold, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

Kenneth M. Bresnahan, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

Craig Gordon Dunkerley, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe.

Paul L. Seave, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for a term of four years.

John F. Walsh, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2006.

Charles Richard Barnes, of Georgia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director.

Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Lawrence Harrington, of Tennessee, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Richard M. McGahey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2003.

Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Non-proliferation). (New Position)

Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

William Joseph Haynes, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

David H. Kaeuper, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo.

John E. Lange, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

A. Lee Fritschler, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Michael Edward Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali.

Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Harriet L. Elam, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

Gregory Lee Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Jimmy J. Kolker, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Q. Todd Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Michael Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Major General Phillip R. Anderson, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 U.S.C. 642).

Florence-Marie Cooper, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Anne H. Chasser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1998.

Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2003.

James G. Huse, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Sam Epstein Angel, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Brigadier General Robert H. Griffin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (33 U.S.C. 642).

Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2003.

Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador.

Ronald A. Guzman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Melvin W. Kahle, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for a term of four years.

John W. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2003.

Sterling R. Johnson, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2001.

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2005. (Reappointment)

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 1999.

William Sessions, III, of Vermont, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2003.

Willene A. Johnson, of New York, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Linda Lee Aaker, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Edward L. Ayers, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Pedro G. Castillo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Theodore William Striggles, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

William B. Bader, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Joe Kendall, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2001.

Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2003.

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 1999.

John R. Steer, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2005.

Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mary Carlin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Ira Berlin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Evelyn Edson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Gerald V. Poje, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Charles Taylor Manatt, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

Gary L. Ackerman, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Peter T. King, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Skila Harris, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2008.

Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2005.

LeGree Sylvia Daniels, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2007.

William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2001.

J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Avis Thayer Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Arms Control).

Donald Stuart Hays, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Daniel J. French, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

Donna A. Bucella, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Donald Stuart Hays, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform.

James D. Bindenagel, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Envoy and Representative of the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues.

Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Anthony Stephen Harrington, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Irwin Belk, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Revius O. Ortique, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Antony M. Merck, of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank S. Holleman, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

Magdalena G. Jacobsen, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2002.

Francis J. Duggan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

Ernest W. DuBester, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2001.

Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2004.

Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2004.

Gary A. Barron, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2002.

Alan Phillip Larson, of Iowa, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2008.

Robert M. Walker, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs. (New Position)

Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Monte R. Belger, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship & Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002.

Luis J. Lauredo, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 1, 2004.

Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Donald Ray Vereen, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

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Messages From the President:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—365)	

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, November 12, 1999 for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S14590–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OVERSEAS PRESENCE ADVISORY PANEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel report, focusing on the location, size, composition, and budget of overseas posts, after receiving testimony from Lewis Kaden, Chairman, Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN, (Ret.), Member, and former Ambassador Langhorne Motley, Member, all of the Overseas Presence Advisory Panel.

PRIVATE BANKING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the vulnerabilities of United States private banks to money laundering, focusing on how they accept clientele, use shell corporations and secrecy jurisdictions to open accounts and move funds, monitor clients and transactions, and identify and re-

spond to suspicious activity, after receiving testimony from Ralph E. Sharpe, Deputy Comptroller of the Currency for Community and Consumer Policy, Department of the Treasury; Richard A. Small, Assistant Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Raymond W. Baker, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Antonio Giraldi, an incarcerated witness.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. Res. 216, designating the Month of November 1999 as "National American Indian Heritage Month";

S. Res. 200, designating January 2000 as "National Biotechnology Week.", with an amendment; and,

A committee resolution, expressing the sense of the Committee on World Trade Organization negotiations.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas L. Ambro, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Kermit Bye, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, George B. Daniels, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Joel A. Pisano, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Fredric D. Woocher, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Ambro was introduced by Senators Biden and Roth, Mr. Bye was introduced by Senators Conrad and Dorgan, and Representative Pomeroy, Mr. Daniels was introduced by Senators Moynihan and Schumer, and Representative Rangel, Mr. Pisano was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, and Mr. Woocher was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Gordon Smith.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 3290–3335; 29 private bills, H.R. 3336–3364; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 225–227, and H. Res. 373 and 376, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 374, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–465); and

H. Res. 375, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain